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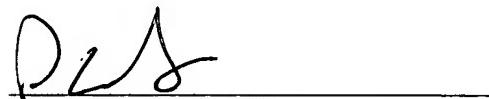
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Sir:

On **March 2, 2004**, applicants filed the above-captioned application with the U.S. Patent Office. To date applicants have received no substantive action in this matter. May we please hear from you regarding the current status of this application.

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